



In Light Verse 48, like human beings feeling the thoughtful love and warmth of creator beings flowing into our very being, we see this little fox who seems to feel something of the same.

We, of course, feel an awakening in our hearts as well.

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## Rudolf Steiner's Calendar of the Soul Verse 48: Light Awakening Love

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**Verse 48** relates to the third member of the human being, the Astral, and to Condition 3, "Know thoughts and feelings to be as important for the world as actions." Cosmic light, encompassing love and wisdom, helps us focus and perceive significance in the world. Then meaning, freedom, and ever higher love can arise on this Earthly plane. The verse, a "light verse", is like a blessing, a prayer.

Each of the four "Light" verses has a different character—coming from the Christ through different hierarchical beings. Like transitional meditations between the seasons, the two appearing five weeks before and after Easter begin with "In the light"; the two before and after Michaelmas, with "The light."

This subtle difference reveals how the soul's creative development can fine-tune seasonally with cosmic light's forces. **Vividly, lovingly, all four light verses speak. Verse 48 reveals Cosmic, World thinking flowing powerfully into our soul, able to unravel our soul perplexities and wakening love within us**

Im Lichte, das aus Weltenhöhen  
Der Seele machtvoll fließen will,  
Erscheine, lösend Seelenrätsel,  
Des Weltendenkens Sicherheit,  
Versammelnd seiner Strahlen  
Macht,  
Im Menschenherzen Liebe  
weckend.

*original German by Rudolf Steiner*



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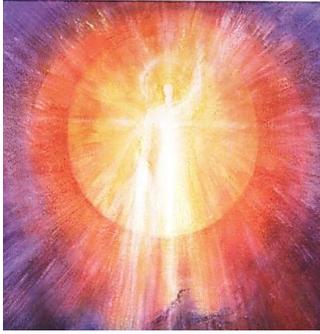
Within the light, which out of cosmic  
heights  
Would flow into the soul with might,  
May Cosmic Thinking's certainty shine  
forth,  
Resolving riddles of the soul,  
And, focusing its mighty rays,  
Awaken love within the human heart.

*tr. by Brigitte Knaack*

Verse 5 speaks of light out of spirit depths lifting us into world widths; Verse 22 tells of light becoming spirit light within us in order to give birth to our fruits so they can ripen in the course of time; Verse 31 speaks of inner light becoming our life of will, shining into sense experience in order to raise soul impulses into creative forces that will ripen in human work. In Verse 48, there is a sense of safeness as well as certainty in Cosmic Thinking's shining light awakening new love in human hearts.

These four light verses may be likened to the rhythmic system in us —rhythms through the heart connecting our head with our will, our will with our head. Connecting to the rhythms of the seasons, too. Unconsciously, the flow of seasons as they follow each on each with certainty, yields a natural security to the human soul. In a most profound way we can feel that the power of the Christ light, inherent in all rhythms, illumines not only each verse, but the significance of the entire course of the year.

It is illuminating to think of light as understanding—heart understanding, Christ understanding. With the soul experiencing the "light of understanding" in four different ways throughout the year, we each with light-filled heart, work as individual souls in the world in different ways as the year proceeds. A quotation from Rudolf Steiner's lecture to young doctors, Nov 30, 1919, speaks of breathing light: "with every breath of air, we take not only air but also light into ourselves, and we transform this light within us making it our own as we do any other substance: we digest it, we make it an integral part of our self."



David Newbatt

In light, which out of cosmic heights  
Would flow with might into my soul,  
Let world-thought certainty appear,  
Resolving riddles of the soul,  
And rallying its mighty rays,  
In human hearts awaken love.

tr. by Daisy Aldan



Leszek Forczek - Washing of the Feet

The light of the 48<sup>th</sup> verse, is not one that brings things about, such as does the light from spirit's depths in corresponding Verse 5, but has the blessing quality of cosmic thinking solving uncertainties in the soul and engendering love in human hearts. Do we sense its creative force? Surely in it we feel the rays of Christ's love and wisdom flowing in shining light from the "heights" to the soul, somehow freeing us. If we inwardly receive this light, this world thought, and work with it, the puzzlements, even distress we may consciously, even unconsciously have, are released. Meaning is given to what previously we could only observe and question. The cosmic living thinking of world thought beings, thus plays a huge part in human destiny, in evolving the human spirit of mankind.

As we know, our mission in world evolution is to bring love fully into the world—for which, equanimity, freedom of the human spirit, is necessary. The light of the Christ, which enables that which is significant in the world to be illuminated with meaning, is the "truth that shall make us free." This "truth," this meaning in life, is what leads to inner certainty in the soul, inner calm of the soul. How warmly grateful, even in small things, we feel when someone explains to us what has been a puzzlement. How much grander, on a cosmic scale then, cosmic light becomes the warmth that awakens love.

Within the light that out of  
world-wide heights  
Would stream with power toward  
the soul,  
May certainty of cosmic thinking  
Arise to solve the soul's enigmas—  
And focusing its mighty rays,  
Awaken love in human hearts.

tr. by Ruth and Hans Pusch



David Newbatt

In the light that wills to flow  
from cosmic heights, into the human  
soul,  
May there appear the certainty  
Of cosmic thinking that dissolves  
perplexities  
And focusing its powerful beams,  
Awaken love in human hearts.

tr. by John Thomson

An interesting consideration is that it is only in the consciousness soul, the spiritual soul, that we can understand or consciously feel comfort with these thoughts from higher beings. Intuition, too, may open. Certainty and meaning, George O'Neil maintains in his *Rudolf Steiner's Calendar of the Soul Outlined*, are not obtained in the realm of the human intellect, the rational soul. Doubt, questioning, riddles surround us when our thoughts dwell only on earthly matters.

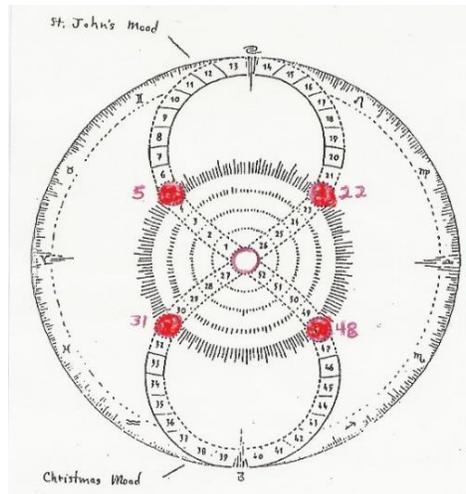
Higher thinking, warm heart thinking, becomes a "seeing" that alone is open to cosmic thoughts. And yet, O'Neil continues, ". . . spiritual activity (freedom) is in itself a riddle particularly for those who do not summon up the strength to intensify their thinking-forces. This new thinking, World thinking, is in essence meditative and needs exercise to be reached. Love in its highest potency is spiritual love; it implies intuition, and the ability to grasp creative, living ideas."

Now, in this pre-Easter season, evidence of Cosmic Thoughts, expressing themselves increasingly in bountiful creation throughout nature, is a powerful stimulus to human soul certainty. Our place in

creation, too, meditatively we see, and with grateful hearts our love flows back to the creator beings. And Light, now more and more seen returning to the northern hemisphere, awakens in our hearts highest love that does not permit uncertainty. With inner ears, we hear, "Have Light in yourselves, that you may become the children of Light." -Eleanor Merry.

When we think, let it be creatively —and let what we offer stream love to other human hearts, to all beings.

Because the Sun moves through the universe in a lemniscate, or figure 8, pattern, there are four times (the time of each light verse) when Earth in its revolution around the Sun passes through the Sun's path. This is why the four Light Verses, 5, 22, 31, and 48 carry a special connection with an impulse from the Spiritual Sun.



### Corresponding Calendar of the Soul Verses 5 and 48

In Verse 5, the fifth week after Easter, we can feel a heightened spiritual consciousness. We are becoming aware of our Spirit —a first step toward the path of initiation.

As the last five verses of the year come closer and closer together with the first five after Easter, until finally Verses 1 and 52 are the corresponding verses, it is possible to experience, by comparing the verses word for word, a kind of pull between them. Gradually they seem to interpenetrate, to go over into each other.

H. D. van Goudoever in his *A Contemplation about Rudolf Steiner's Calendar of the Soul* suggests that this movement may be felt as a mystery —the past year gradually becoming the new. Then, rather than seeing the 52 verses as an ever-recurring cycle of sameness, thoughtful experience will reveal that with each Easter the spiral begins ascent to a higher plane than was possible the year before. The many rhythms in the Calendar can also be taken up with higher understandings. Each year we can feel ever increasing strength flowing from the weekly verses.

Here is corresponding Verse 5 to our current week's Verse 48, translated by John Gardner.

Im Lichte, das aus Geistestiefen  
 Im Raume fruchtbar webend  
 Der Götter Schaffen offenbart:  
 In ihm erscheint der Seele Wesen  
 Geweitet zu dem Weltensein  
 Und auferstanden  
 Aus enger Selbstheit Innenmacht.

In light that wells from spirit depths  
 And weaving fruitfully in space  
 Reveals the gods' creative work;  
 Appears the soul's own being,  
 Expanded now to world existence  
 And risen free  
 From narrow inwardness of self.

**Through meditating the Calendar, we reach a level of higher consciousness each year**